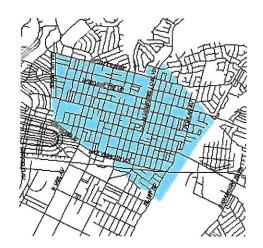
# MONTEBELLO LAND AND WATER COMPANY 2015 ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

Since 1991, California water utilities have been providing information on water served to its consumers. This report is a snapshot of the tap water quality that we provided last year. Included are details about where your water comes from, how it is tested, what is in it, and how it compares with state and federal limits. We strive to keep you informed about the quality of your water, and to provide a reliable and economical supply that meets all regulatory requirements.

### Where Does My Tap Water Come From?



Your tap water comes from local, deep groundwater wells that supply our service area shown on the adjacent map. The quality of groundwater delivered to your home is presented in this report.

## **How is My Drinking Water Tested?**

Your drinking water is tested regularly for unsafe levels of chemicals, radioactivity and bacteria at the source and in the distribution system. We test weekly, monthly, quarterly, annually or less often depending on the substance. State and federal laws allow us to test some substances less than once per year because their levels do not change frequently. All water quality tests are conducted by specially trained technicians in state-certified laboratories.

## What Are Drinking Water Standards?

The U.S Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) limits the amount of certain substances allowed in tap water. In California, the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water (Division) regulates tap water quality by enforcing limits that are at least as stringent as the USEPA's. Historically, California limits are more stringent than the Federal ones.

There are two types of these limits, known as standards. Primary standards protect you from substances that could potentially affect your health. Secondary standards regulate substances that affect the aesthetic qualities of water. Regulations set a Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for each of the primary and secondary standards. The MCL is the highest level of a substance that is allowed in your drinking water.

Public Health Goals (PHGs) are set by the California Environmental Protection Agency. PHGs provide more information on the quality of drinking water to customers, and are similar to their federal counterparts, Maximum Contaminant Level Goals (MCLGs). PHGs and MCLGs are advisory levels that are non-enforceable. Both PHGs and MCLGs are concentrations of a substance below which there are no known or expected health risks.

## How Do I Read the Water Quality Table?

Although we test for over 100 substances, regulations require us to report only those found in your water. The first column of the water quality table lists substances detected in your water. The next columns list the average concentration and range of concentrations found in your drinking water. Following are columns that list the MCL and PHG or MCLG, as appropriate. The last column describes the likely sources of these substances in drinking water.

To review the quality of your drinking water, compare the highest concentration and the MCL. Check for substances greater than the MCL. Exceedance of a primary MCL does not usually constitute an immediate health threat. Rather, it requires testing the source water more frequently for a short duration. If test results show that the water continues to exceed the MCL, the water must be treated to remove the substance, or the source must be removed from service.

## Why Do I See So Much Coverage in the News About the Quality Of Tap Water?

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

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### PRIMARY STANDARDS TESTED IN GROUNDWATER - MANDATED FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

ORGANIC CHEMICALS (µg/I)	GROUN	GROUNDWATER		PHG or	MAJOR SOURCES IN DRINKING WATER	
Tested annually	AVERAGE	RANGE	MCL	(MCLG) (b)		
None detected in 2015	(a)	(a)	Various	Various	Industrial and agricultural discharges	
INORGANICS Tested from 2013 to 2	2015, except nitrate wh	nich is tested ar	nually			
Aluminum (mg/l)	<0.05 (c)			0.6	Residue from treatment process, erosion of natural deposits	
Barium (mg/l)	<0.1 (c)	ND - 0.1	1	2	Erosion of natural deposits	
Fluoride (mg/l)	0.32	0.23 - 0.37	2	1	Erosion of natural deposits	
Nitrate (mg/l as N)	1.2	ND - 2.1	10	10	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use/septic tanks	
RADIOLOGICAL - (pCi/l) Tested from 2	2007 - 2015					
Gross Alpha	<3 (c)	ND - 3.3	15	(0)	Erosion of natural deposits	
Uranium	1.4	ND - 2.3	20		Erosion of natural deposits	
Radium 226+228	<1 (c)	ND - 1.2	5		Erosion of natural deposits	

#### PRIMARY STANDARDS TESTED IN THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

MICROBIALS Tested weekly	# POSITIVE	RANGE	MCL	MCLG	MAJOR SOURCES IN DRINKING WATER
Total Coliform Bacteria	0	0	Greater than 1 positive	0	Naturally present in the environment
Fecal Coliform and E. Coli	0	0	0	0	Human and animal fecal waste
No. of Acute Violations	0	0	-	-	The state of the s

DISINFECTION BYPRODUCTS	DISTRIBUTIO	DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM		MRDLG	MA IOD COMPORT IN DESIGNATION
AND CHLORINE RESIDUAL (d)	AVERAGE	RANGE	(MRDL) (e)	(f)	MAJOR SOURCES IN DRINKING WATER
Trihalomethanes-TTHMS (µg/l)	26	14 - 37	80	NA	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (µg/l)	3.5	ND - 3.9	60	NA	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total Chlorine Residual (mg/l)	1	0.3 - 2.1	(4.0)	4.0	Drinking water disinfectant added for treatment

AT THE TAP LEAD AND COPPER 30 Tap Samples Tested in 2014	90th PERCENTILE	# SITES ABOVE AL	ACTION LEVEL	PHG	MAJOR SOURCES IN DRINKING WATER
Copper (mg/l)	0.45	0 out of 30	1.3	0.3	Internal corrosion of household plumbing
Lead (µg/l)	ND<5	0 out of 30	15	0.2	Internal corrosion of household plumbing

#### SECONDARY STANDARDS TESTED IN GROUNDWATER - FOR AESTHETIC PURPOSES

Tested from 2013 to 2015	GROUNI	GROUNDWATER		PHG or	W 100 00110010 W 100110 W 10011
	AVERAGE	RANGE	MCL	(MCLG)	MAJOR SOURCES IN DRINKING WATER
Aluminum (µg/l)	<50 (c)	ND - 700	200	600	Residue from treatment process, erosion of natural deposits
Chloride (mg/l)	65	52 - 74	500	NA	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
Color (color units)	0.71	ND - 5	15	NA	Naturally-occurring organic materials
Conductivity (µmhos/cm)	750	690 - 780	1,600	NA	Substances that form ions when in water
lron (µg/l)	<100 (c)	ND - 970	300	NA	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
Manganese (μg/l)	<20 (c)	ND - 33	50	NA	Leaching from natural deposits
Sulfate (mg/l)	93	82 - 100	500	NA	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
Total Dissolved Solids (mg/l)	460	420 - 500	1,000	NA	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
Turbidity (NTU)	0.43	ND - 1.8	5	NA	Soil runoff

#### SECONDARY STANDARDS TESTED IN THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

GENERAL PHYSICAL	DISTRIBUTIO	DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM		PHG or	MA 100 00110000 111 00111111111111111111	
CONSTITUENTS	AVERAGE	RANGE	MCL	(MCLG)	MAJOR SOURCES IN DRINKING WATER	
Color (color units)	0.64	ND - 7.5	15	NA	Naturally-occurring organic materials	
Odor (threshold odor number)	1	1	3		Naturally-occurring organic materials	
Turbidity (NTU)	0.12	ND - 0.92	5	NA	Leaching from natural deposits	

#### UNREGULATED CHEMICALS OF INTEREST TESTED IN GROUNDWATER Tested from 2011 to 2014

	GROUNDWATER		NL	PHG or	T	
	AVERAGE	RANGE		(MCLG)	MAJOR SOURCES IN DRINKING WATER	
1,4-Dioxane (µg/l)	<1 (c)	ND - 1.2	1		Industrial discharges	
Alkalinity, total (mg/l as CaCO3)	190	160 - 220	NA	NA	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits	
Calcium (mg/l)	75	70 - 81	NA	NA	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits	
Hardness, total (mg/l as CaCO3)	250	240 - 270	NA	NA	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits	
Magnesium (mg/l)	14	12 - 16	NA	NA	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits	
pH (standard unit)	7.5	7.3 - 7.6	NA	NA	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits	
Potassium (mg/l)	3.9	3.5 - 4.2	NA	NA	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits	
Sodium (mg/l)	55	49 - 62	NA	NA	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits	

## UNREGULATED CHEMICALS REQUIRING MONITORING TESTED IN GROUNDWATER

Tested in 2014 to 2015

	GROUN	DWATER	NL	PHG or	
	AVERAGE	RANGE		(MCLG)	
1,4-Dioxane (µg/l)	0.97	0.6 - 1.4	1	NA	
Chlorate (µg/l)	150	73 - 200	800	NA	
Chromium, Hexavalent (µg/l) (g)	0.053	ND - 0.18	MCL = 10	0.02	
Chromium, Total (µg/l) (g)	<0.2 (c)	ND - 0.37	MCL = 50	(100)	
Cobalt (µg/l)	<1 (c)	ND - 1.3	NA	NA	
Molybdenum (μg/l)	1.9	1.3 - 2.8	NA	NA	
Perfluoro octanesulfonic acid (PFOS) (µg/l)	<0.04 (c)	ND - 0.065	NA	NA	
Strontium (µg/l)	580	480 - 650	NA	NA	
Vanadium (µg/l)	1.1	ND - 3.4	50	NA	

## UNREGULATED CHEMICALS REQUIRING MONITORING TESTED IN THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Tested in 2014

	DISTRIBUTION	NL	PHG or	
	AVERAGE	RANGE		(MCLG)
Chlorate (µg/l)	110	100 - 110	800	NA
Chromium, Hexavalent (µg/l) (g)	0.16	0.15 - 0.16	MCL = 10	0.02
Chromium, Total (µg/l) (g)	<0.2 (c)	ND - 0.26	MCL = 50	(100)
Cobalt (µg/l)	1.3	1 - 1.6	NA	NA
Molybdenum (µg/l)	2	1.9 - 2	NA	NA
Strontium (µg/l)	580	560 - 590	NA	NA
Vanadium (µg/l)	3.4	2.8 - 3.9	50	NA

**ABBREVIATIONS** pCi/l = picoCuries per liter

µmhos/cm = micromhos per centimeter

ND = constituent not detected at the reporting limit

mg/l = milligrams per liter or parts per million µg/l = micrograms per liter or parts per billion NTU = nephelometric turbidity units

NA = not applicable

AL = action level NL = Notification Level **FOOTNOTES** 

(a) Thirty-three volatile organic chemicals were analyzed in 2015. None were detected at or above the reporting limit

(b) California Public Health Goal (PHG). Other advisory level is the federal Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG).

"<" means constituent detected but average is less than the reporting limit

(d) Running annual average used to calculate average and MCL compliance.

(e) Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)

(f) Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)

(g) Hexavalent chromium and total chromium are regulated with MCLs of 10 µg/l and 50  $\mu$ g/l, respectively, but were not detected, based on their respective detection limits for purposes of reporting of 1  $\mu$ g/l and 10  $\mu$ g/l. Hexavalent chromium and total chromium were included as part of the unregulated chemicals requiring monitoring.

DEFINITIONS

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. Primary MCLs are set as close to the PHGs (or MCLGs) as is economically and technologically feasible.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to

health. MCLGs are set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Public Health Goal (PHG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. PHGs are set by the California Environmental Protection Agency.

Regulatory Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water

Primary Drinking Water Standard (PDWS): MCLs and MRDLs for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements, and water treatment requirements

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